

Selectboard present: Jack Spanbauer, Chair; Jed Proujansky; Tracy Rogers

Also present: Brian S. Noble, Town Administrator; Sandra L. Wood, Town Secretary; Tyler Bourbeau, BNCTV

Others present: David Rainville, The Recorder; Chief Dunnell & Mike Quinn, Fire Dept.; Paul Davis, UC Synergenic representing Verizon; Lois Sluter; Don & Judi Campbell

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm

- **Review and Approval of Warrants**
 - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the** Payroll warrant of \$19,233.94
 - On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Proujansky **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the** Vendor warrant of \$42,701.23
- **Review and Approval of Minutes**
 - On a motion by Proujansky, seconded by Rogers **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the** 12/30/14 Selectboard minutes as written.
- **Summary of meetings attended by Selectboard members**
 - Spanbauer attended the Gold Cane award for the oldest Northfield resident presented to Robert Brassor of Winchester Road.
- **Old Business**
 - Fire Truck: Award of Bid
 - Chief Dunnell reviewed the bid process and recommended the Pierce Sabin engine.
 - A change order will be negotiated
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Rogers **the board VOTED unanimously to award the fire engine project to Pierce given the change order components for a cost of \$449,859.00.**
- **New Business**
 - Pole Hearing: To post two (2) poles on Orange Rd and underground multi-pair service wire on Coller Cemetery & Orange Rd
 - Paul Davis of UC Synergenic, representing Verizon explained the installation of pedestals with the cable running underground rather than installing poles in the area of Orange Road and Coller Cemetery Rd.
 - Davis has spoken to Highway Superintendent Tom Walker about removing trees.
 - The Selectboard requested 12 pair service wire instead of 4 pair.
 - Don Campbell of Coller Cemetery Rd asked about the use of poles vs. underground. Davis explained Verizon's preference for using plowed cable for this project to avoid problems like downed tree limbs. D. Campbell asked about electric service. The project is for Verizon communications cable only.
 - Lois Sluter of Coller Cemetery Rd. questioned burying cable in ledge. Davis explained that an engineer from Verizon had visited the area and determined the cable could be installed underground. Sluter also stated trees needed trimming and had concerns about the swamp. Davis said Verizon would be contacting the DEP for permitting. Tom Walker will be contacted about the trees.
 - The cable will be placed on the northern side of Orange Rd.
 - Verizon has designated the project as a high priority and will be started in early spring.
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Proujansky **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the proposed pole and installation of buried 12 pair cable as presented.**
 - On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Proujansky **the board VOTED unanimously to approve the** designation of Tracy Rogers as the authorized representative to vote at the MMA Annual meeting.
 - BoS Budget
 - Noble presented the budget.
 - Increases included: town website, dues, postage, computer items, Town Hall maintenance, elevators, street lights and property insurance.
 - Review for the capital budget included the emergency services facility, phase 1 of the Town Hall electrical upgrade, HVAC of the south balcony, elevator repair, phone system, and senior work program. Codification of the town bylaws may be included if not funded by the MasterPlan sources.
 - Request for letter of support from FRCOG Partnership Youth for funding from the MA Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative
 - Spanbauer read the letter.

- On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Proujansky the board **VOTED unanimously to sign the letter of support for the MA Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative.**

- **Board and Committee Meetings/Announcements**

Date	Activity	Time	Place
1/7/15	Sewer Commission	4:15pm	Town Hall
1/7/15	Agricultural Commission	7:00 pm	Town Hall
1/7/15	Zoning Study Committee	7:00 pm	Town Hall
1/8/15	Board of Health	5:15pm	Town Hall
1/8/15	Historical Commission	7:00 pm	Town Hall
1/12/15	Finance Committee/Selectboard	7:00 pm	Town Hall
1/14/15	Board of Assessors	6:00 pm	Town Hall
1/14/15	Planning Board	7:00 pm	Town Hall
1/14/15	Recreation Commission	7:00 pm	Town Hall
1/16/15	Council on Aging	9:00 am	Town Hall
1/20/15	Energy Committee	5:30 pm	Dickinson Library
1/20/15	Selectboard	7:00 pm	Town Hall
1/20/15	Open Space Committee	7:30 pm	Town Hall

- New Openings: Zoning Study Committee; Stewardship Advisory Subcommittee. A number of committees and boards have openings. A list is available for viewing on the Current Openings page of www.northfield.ma.us and on the Town Hall posting board.
- Announcements:
 - Reminder: the clearing of snow/ice from sidewalks is now in effect.
 - By-Law voted at Special Town Meeting on 6/25/97 Article 19
 - Snow and ice shall be removed from sidewalks within the boundaries of the Town of Northfield on the streets named as follows – Main Street, Holton Street, Parker Avenue, Highland Avenue, and Mt. Hermon Station Road, from W. Northfield Road north to the Vermont line – by the owner of land abutting upon said named streets within forty-eight (48) hours following the cessation of a snow/ice storm, by mechanical or other means.
 - Wells Trust Scholarship applications for 2015-2016 are available at Town Hall and at the PVRs guidance office.
- Correspondence:
 - Letter from VanNatta RE: opposed to gas pipeline
 - Letter from Julia Blyth RE: invitation to info meeting on pipeline
- Town Administrator Updates:
 - No grants available under 43D.
 - Will attend Certified Purchasing Officer training on January 27, 28 & 29
 - Reschedule the joint meeting of Community Park, Recreation and Open Space Committee on 1/27.
- **Request for Use:**

- **On a motion by Rogers, seconded by Proujansky, the board VOTED unanimously to approve the request from Gretchen Johnson to use the Dining Hall and Kitchen on January 10, 2015 from 10am-6pm for a private gathering.**

On a motion by Spanbauer, seconded by Rogers the board VOTED unanimously to adjourn at 8:48 pm.

Recorded by Sandra L. Wood, Secretary

Selectboard Clerk

Date Approved